

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
November 16, 2011

PRESENT

Jim Eardley, Washington County Commission
Jerry Lewis, UDOT Commissioner
Chris Hart, Mayor, Ivins City
Ken Sizemore, Five County AOG
Matt Ence, Santa Clara City
Myron Lee, Five County AOG
Larry Bulloch, St. George City Public Works Director
Marreen Casper, Sen. Hatch
Mike Empey, Rep. Matheson
Curt Hutchings, Dixie MPO
Dean Cox, Washington County
Ron Whitehead, Washington County

ABSENT

Mayor Dan McArthur
Gil Almquist
Gloria Shakespeare
Roger Bundy

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eardley called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Lacking a quorum, action items were deferred to later in the meeting in the hope that additional voting members would arrive.

MINUTES

Approval of August 17, 2011, and October 19, 2011, minutes:

Ron Whitehead asked that the following change be made to the August 17 minutes:

On page 3, line 10, "400-foot number" should be changed to read
"100-foot number."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Washington Parkway Study Status Report

Myron Lee said that Jacobs Engineering, Inc. has been retained to perform this study and submit a status report. Jacobs actually began work on this project two weeks ago, and Ron Whitehead said that a letter has been sent from Washington County to Jimmy Tyree at the BLM requesting more scientific exploration of tortoise habitat and requirements.

2. Transit Study Update

The Transit Study Update will hopefully be complete at the beginning of 2012. The handout distributed was a comparison of six different transit agencies in Utah with SunTran in terms of population, ridership, routes, and other variables. The Transportation Expo on February 7, 2012, will provide additional details.

3. Household Origin and Destination Study Update

Mr. Hutchings distributed a handout representing a Household Survey for citizens in the community to complete. It deals with statistics concerning the number of vehicles per household and personal information and asks questions on attitudes regarding modes of travel and presents a sample travel diary.

Mayor Hart asked for a status report on the Mobility Manager position discussed in recent meetings. Curt Hutchings said that FCAOG staff members have been assigned various Mobility Management responsibilities. They have met with various city representatives, and are looking at commercial service routes. Ken Sizemore said that two routes are being discussed and analyzed. One is a reverse commute route to the Purgatory/DMV area for employees there; the second is potential service to ATC (Applied Technology College) in the Tonaquint area. The ATC operates a separate automotive function at its current location, but in the long term the ATC wants two separate facilities.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Ratification of DTAC recommendations for Planning Studies

Myron Lee passed out two letters, one from the City of St. George and one from Washington City, concerning proposed planning projects. The City of St. George requests up to \$95,000 from the MPO planning fund to study the alleviation of traffic congestion on St. George Blvd. from 1000 East to River Road, which is a major arterial roadway with average daily traffic of approximately 39,000 vehicles. St. George City acknowledges that the study has the potential of costing more than the \$95,000

available and agrees to cover any costs exceeding that amount.

Washington City proposes a transportation study for the intersection of Green Springs Drive, Telegraph Street, 3050 East, and Red Cliffs Drive in Washington City to analyze the current and future conditions in order to improve safety and capacity. The estimated cost for this study is \$37,500.

Mr. Lee indicated that the Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC), an advisory committee to this body, considered the issue and recommends beginning with the Washington City project and using any leftover money on the St. George project, which cost will be supplemented by St. George City. He asked for approval by DTEC of \$37,500 for the Washington City project and \$57,500 for the St. George City project. However, lacking a quorum, Chairman Eardley proposed making a motion and taking a verbal, non-binding vote, then telephoning other voting members to obtain a ratifying vote.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Hart to Approve the Expenditures for the St. George and Washington City projects as identified above, pending a Ratifying Vote from One Additional Voting Member to Constitute a Quorum. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Myron Lee emailed Roger Bundy, Mayor Dan McArthur, Gil Almquist, and Gloria Shakespeare with a request for a response to the following matter:

Two applications (attached) were received in October for portions of the funding. The MPO Technical Advisory Committee considered these proposals and recommends spending \$37,500 on the Washington City proposal and \$57,500 on the St. George City proposal. A motion was made and seconded at Wednesday's DTEC meeting to accept this recommendation, and four favorable votes were voiced. Five votes are necessary to pass the measure. Do you vote **for** or **against** this motion?

Subsequently, emails were received from Councilwoman Shakespeare, Mayor McArthur, and Councilman Bundy, with all voting for the motion.

FHWA BUSINESS

No representatives from FHWA were present at the meeting. However, Ken Sizemore provided an update on the federal situation. He said that the MAP21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) legislation is still in committee in Congress. Part of that bill

directs that no new MPOs will be created in the future in communities comprised of less than 200,000 people.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hutchings suggested taking requests from the recent RTEC meeting to the Council of Governments (COG) at its next meeting, along with a scope of work. The next COG meeting is February 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Washington County Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle St., St. George, Utah. Mayor Hart would like to see the proposal for a bicycle advisory group presented to the COG. Chairman Eardley agreed on the need for a cycling committee interface with vehicle representatives. Ron Whitehead said the County's GIS department has already begun putting together countywide trail maps. Other issues that will be brought before the COG include a review of the priority list of projects and a financial report.

NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting December 21, 2011 – TIP Projects Ratification, Election of DTEC Chair for 2012.

Myron Lee emphasized the importance of all members being in attendance at the next meeting, as a new Chair will be elected. Members are requested to appoint a proxy to represent them if they are unable to be present, for voting purposes. Several reminder emails will be sent out in advance of December 21st, and it would be appreciated if committee members would RSVP their attendance to Chris Hall in order to ensure a quorum will be present:

Chris.hall@washco.utah.gov

Having no other business, Chairman Eardley adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.